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CLASSIFICATION

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DISSEMINATION CONTROLS

DATE DISTR.

5 JULY 1957

PRECEDENCE

ROUTINE

COUNTRY
USSR

PLACE ACQUIRED
USSR

SUBJECT

SOVIET OFFICIAL'S OPINION CONCERNING SOVIET POSITION ON DISARMAMENT

DATE OF INFORMATION
JUNE 1957

REFERENCES

APPRAISAL OF CONTENT (TENTATIVE)
2 FOR REPORTORIAL ACCURACY

SOURCE (EVALUATION DEFINITIVE)
RELIABLE SOURCE

1. IN THE OPINION OF A SOVIET OFFICIAL, WHOSE VIEWS ARE PRESUMED TO BE REPRESENTATIVE OF THOSE OF THE MILITARY OFFICER CLASS, THE SOVIETS WILL STRING OUT DISARMAMENT NEGOTIATIONS FOR UP TO TEN YEARS, IF NECESSARY, IN ORDER TO GAIN ADVANTAGES. THE OFFICIAL CITED THE NEGOTIATIONS OVER TRIESTE AS AN EXAMPLE WHEREIN THE SOVIET ARGUMENTS HAD NO SUBSTANCE YET WERE USED TO STALL AGREEMENT IN ORDER TO GAIN CONCESSIONS FOR THE SOVIETS ELSEWHERE.

2. THIS OFFICIAL ADMITTED THAT THE SOVIET LEADERS REALLY DESIRE AND NEED REDUCTIONS IN WAR PRODUCTION IN ORDER TO INTENSIFY THEIR INTERNAL DEVELOPMENT. TIME IS NEEDED TO INCREASE THE SOVIET INDUSTRIAL POTENTIAL, AND THE REDUCTION OF WAR PRODUCTION WOULD PROVIDE THIS NEEDED TIME. IN ADDITION, THE SOVIETS BELIEVE THAT REDUCTION OF U. S. DEFENSE PRODUCTION, WHICH THE SOVIETS FEEL THE U. S. WOULD CARRY OUT HONESTLY, AS AGREED UPON, WOULD CREATE UNEMPLOYMENT IN THE U. S., WITH ATTENDANT DIFFICULTIES.

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